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SUBJ: SENATOR ERRO AND THE MONTEVIDEO PRESS

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1. SENATE' S COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND LEGISLATION CONTINUES TO DEBATE EXECUTIVE' S REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF CONGRESSIONAL IMMUNITIES OF " FRENTE AMPLIO" SENATOR ENRIQUE ERRO. ERRO IS SCHEDULED TO DEFEND HIMSELF THIS AFTERNOON, APRIL 30, BEFORE COMMITTEE AND REQUEST NOT LIKELY TO BE FORWARD TO THE FULL SENATE BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MAY 2. WHILE NON-" FRENTE AMPLIO" SENATORS HAVE NOT MADE PUBLIC THEIR POSITIONS ON ERRO' S IMMUNITIES, SENATOR ALEMBERT VAZ, MEMBER OF WILSON FERREIRA AND ALDUNATE' S " POR LA PATRIA- ROCHA" COLAITION, TOLD CHARGE THAT FERREIRA GROUP WOULD VOTE AGAINST LIFTING OF IMMUNITIES. VAZ CHARACTERIZED EXECUTIVE' S REQUEST AS " POLITICAL" AND AIMED AT EMBARRASSING CONGRESS.

2. IN RELATED ACTION, EXECUTIVE CLOSED CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER " LA MANANA" AND " FRENTE AMPLIO" NEWSPAPERS " AHORA AND " EL POPULAR" FOR THREE DAYS, APRIL 28-30. CLOSURES WERE RESULT OF NEWSPAPERS
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HAVING PUBLISHED EXCERPTS FROM TESTIMONY AGAINST ERRO MADE BY CAPTURED " TUPAMAROS". (LAW SUSPENDING CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES PROHIBITS PUBLICATIONS OF STATEMENTS BY SUBVERSIVES EXCEPT AS PART OF MILITARY PRESS COMMUNIQUE.) SYMPATHY STRIKE TODAY, APRIL 30, OF NEWSPAPER UNIONS HAS CLOSED REMAINING MONTEVIDEO DAILIES.

3. COMMENT: " POR LA PATRIA' S" DECISION TO OPPOSE LIFTING OF ERRO' S IMMUNITIES APPEARS TO KILL WHATEVER SMALL POSSIBILITIES EXISTED THAT EXECUTIVE' S REQUEST WOULD PASS SENATE. HOWEVER, THE PRESS CLOSURE MAY HELP SALVE EXECUTIVE' S WOUNDS, AS CLOSING OF " FRENTE' S" TWO MAJOR NEWSPAPERS REDUCES LEFT' S ABILITY TO CREATE ENTHUSIASM FOR LARGE MAY 1 RALLY PLANNED BY COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CNT LABOR CONFEDERATION.
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